

Board of Directors Minutes
May 16, 2013
8:00 – 9:15

Members Present: Sally Harwood, Mike Heavener, Elery Keene, Mike Roy, Linda Woods

Elery Keene motioned to accept the minutes from October. Mike Roy seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Financial Report:

The city account has \$5061.68.

There is \$1875.47 in the checkbook. All of the DVDs ordered from the November conference have been paid for. Ben Greeley has been paid.

Linda received a letter from Michael Phillips stating that he completed the 2013 Annual Report that is due on June 1. His fee for completing this was \$35.00, which has been paid.

Fundraising:

The town of Winslow will be contributing \$3000 after July 1.

Coordinator's Report:

Public Outreach:

The Education Team talked to a lot of people at WalMart on Earth Day. We distributed materials about climate change, recycling, the *Kennebec Explorer*, as well as the SMMC materials. We added 8 new names to our e-blast list. The best contact was with the owner of the laundromat by Champions, who has allowed us to put our materials at her facility.

Communications:

The team leaders met with Mike H on Thursday, May 2. Sally & Elery attended as well. This group will be meeting monthly to share concerns and support.

Ben Greeley added the Climate Change Policy Team to the web site.

The 2010 People and Nature Adapting to Climate Change, a report prepared for the state of Maine by over 20 experts, is now available on the SMMC web site.

Action Items:

Mike R: contact Colby (Jim Flemming)

Linda: set up a meeting of area college sustainability coordinators

Climate Change Policy:

Elery reported that 8 people (Chris Bryan, Katherine Dall, Jane Edwards, Peter Garrett, Elery Keene, Kate Newkirk, Dick Thomas, Tom Tietenberg) attended the last team meeting. They are currently following LD825, which recommends implementing the next steps from the 2010 People and Nature Adapting to Climate Change report. Several SMMC members attended the public hearing. Other bills they are following focus on Efficiency Maine and funding for alternative fuels. Elery testified in support of thermal energy to those fuels that can be subsidized. The next meeting is Monday, May 20 at 6:45 at the Waterville Public Library.

Education:

The Education Team is working on creating learning circles to educate about various topics of concern. The next Education Team meeting is Tuesday, May 21 at 8:30 at Barrels.

Energy Team:

The District Energy Team is working to create a natural gas district. Representative Nadeau (Winslow) sponsored the legislation, LD 1442 An Act to Establish a Pilot Natural Gas Utility District in Maine. The bill as originally written faced a lot of opposition. Ken Fletcher met with several groups and reached a tentative agreement on language. A natural gas district might not be the outcome. Instead, an entity to represent the consumer to negotiate reasonable rates may be formed. This would be a quasi government agency to handle decision making.

Efficiency Maine contacted municipalities about inserting informational materials about PACE in tax billing. Home owners could enroll in programs to borrow money for efficiency upgrades at a low interest rate.

Mike H is meeting with Jennifer Kierstead about grant writing to fund the residential energy program.

Local Foods:

North St. Community Garden is full. Tom Poulin has made initial contact with the Oakland gardeners, and publicity has been distributed in the area. Linda is looking for someone to manage the Moor St. Garden. Denis Dacus is checking with prior gardeners in Winslow to see if they are interested in returning to their plots.

Chris Huck's Local Foods for Local Needs Team is working on a survey for schools to determine the feasibility of using local produce. The next meeting of Chris's group is May 28 at 3:30 at KVCOG.

Kate Newkirk's group is going to have a combined meeting of the distribution and the storage groups. Their next meeting date is May 23 at 1:00 in Ken Stevens's facility at 20 Industrial Way in Waterville.

RX4 Team:

The RX4 Team has begun planning for composting at The Taste of Waterville on August 7. They are also researching various options for continued residential recycling since Skills will no longer be providing that service. Their next meeting is May 29 at noon at Jin Yuan.

Action Item:

Mike R: Check with Skills about moving signs to the new location

Transportation Team:

Representative Sharon Treat submitted a bill that would support funding for public transit by developing and funding more comprehensive public transportation. Team leader Jim Wood, Elery Keene and Jane Edwards spoke at a hearing in support of this measure, but it was delayed into January. Jim Wood and Chris Huck are looking at the possibility of a Tiger grant given by the federal government for innovation, efficiency & sustainability for public transit. Peter Garrett invites everyone to National Trails Day on June 1. Peter and members of the Kennebec Messalonskee Trails will be leading walks on the newly donated land in Winslow. If interested, meet at 9:30 at the Winslow Elementary School. The next Transportation Team meeting is May 23 at 4:00 at KVCOG.

Old Business:

Elery motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Running Start Institute. Mike R seconded. A discussion followed about various ramifications of this memorandum. The vote was unanimous.

Mike R motioned that we continue with the same officers as last year. Elery seconded. The vote was unanimous. The officers are Chair: Mike Heavener; Vice Chair: Mike Roy; Secretary: Elery Keene; Treasurer: Doug Carnrick.

Action Item:

Mike H: address the issue of quorum

The next regular meeting will be **Thursday, June 13 at 8:00 AM** in the **Mayor's Conference Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Woods, Coordinator

Elery Keene, Secretary